

In the claims:

Claims 1-20 cancelled.

21. (Currently Amended) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:  
a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), wherein a lower band surface (13) of the support element oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel, wherein the wiper strip can be placed against a window, and wherein an upper band surface (11) of the support element (12; 30, 30) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, wherein the two diverging legs are connected to each other at a common base (48) and wherein free ends of the two diverging legs oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the support element of the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44) above the support element, and the legs (44, 46) form therebetween an angular hollow space that expands from an upper

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narrowest point of the base downwardly to the upper band surface of the support element (12; 30, 30) and are in contact with the upper band surface (11) of the support element.

Claim 22 cancelled.

23. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the profile of the cross section is the same over the entire length of the wind deflection strip (42).

24. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the two legs (44, 46) of the wind deflection strip (142 or 242) are connected to each other by means of a wall (144 or 244) in the vicinity of the two wiper blade ends.

25. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 24, wherein the wall (144) is aligned essentially perpendicular to the support element (12).

26. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 24, wherein the outside (246) of the wall (244) encloses an acute angle (a) with the support element (12).

Claim 27 cancelled.

28. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242) are attached to the wiper blade (10).

29. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242) are glued to the wiper blade (10).

30. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242) are attached, preferably glued, to the support element (12) of the wiper blade (10).

31. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242), at least in sections, are provided with claw-like projections (56, 58), which suitably encompass the mutually opposed outer edge strips (36) of the support element (12).

Claim 32 cancelled.

33. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 31, wherein a glued attachment is produced in the vicinity of the claw-like projections (56, 58).

Claim 34 cancelled.

35. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein the attach surface (54) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242) is embodied as a flute on the outer wall of the one leg (44).

Claims 36-37 cancelled.

38. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein a hardness of the material for the wind deflection strip (42) is at most 40 percent greater than the hardness of the material for the wiper strip (14).

39. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 21, wherein a hardness of the material for the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242) is at most 20 percent greater than the hardness of the material for the wiper strip (14).

Claim 40 cancelled.

41. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:

a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), wherein a lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and wherein an upper band surface (11) of the support element has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, wherein the wind deflection strip extends in a longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, wherein the two diverging legs are connected to each other at a common base (48) and wherein free ends of the two diverging legs oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the upper band surface (11) of the support element (12), in its middle section, includes a wiper blade part (15) for connecting the wiper blade (10) to a reciprocally driven wiper arm (16) and is supported, wherein an end cap (38) is respectively disposed at both ends of the support element (12), and wherein a section (40) of the

wind deflection strip (42) is disposed between each respective end cap (38) and the device piece (15).

42. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:

a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the two legs (44, 46) of the wind deflection strip (142 or 242) are connected to each other by means of a wall (144 or 244) in the vicinity of the two wiper blade ends, and wherein the wall (144 or 244) is provided with a recess (146 or 246) that is open at the edge oriented toward the window (22), wherein the width (148) of this recess is greater than the width (150) of

the wiper strip (14) in a vicinity of the support element and its depth (152) reaches to the upper band surface (11) of the support element (12).

43. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising  
a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242), at least in sections, are provided with claw-like projections (56, 58), which suitably encompass the mutually opposed outer edge strips (36) of the support element (12), and wherein the claw-like projections extend from the

leg ends (50, 52) into a vicinity of a wall (154 or 254), and suitably encompass end regions (112) of the support element (12).

44. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:

a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the free leg ends (50, 52) of the wind deflection strip (42, 142, or 242), at least in sections, are provided with claw-like projections (56, 58), which suitably encompass the mutually opposed outer edge strips (36) of the support element (12), and wherein the claw surfaces (60) resting against the



upper band surface (11) of the support element (12) have a greater width (62) than the claw surfaces (64) engaging the lower band side (13).

45. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:

a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the upper band surface (11) of the support element (12), in its middle section, the wiper blade part (15) of a device, which is for connecting the wiper blade (10) to a reciprocally driven wiper arm (16), is supported, wherein an end cap (38) is respectively disposed at both ends of the support element (12), wherein a section (40) of the wind deflection strip (42) is

disposed between each respective end cap (38) and the device piece (15), and wherein the end caps (38) are provided with a flute (68), which extends in a projection of the flute of the attack surface (54) of the wind deflection strip.

46. (Previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:  
a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), wherein the upper band surface (11) of the support element (12), in its middle section, this wiper blade part (15) of a device, which is for connecting the wiper blade (10) to a reciprocally driven wiper arm (16), is supported, wherein an end cap (38) is respectively disposed at both ends of the support

element (12), and wherein a section (40) of the wind deflection strip (42) is disposed between each respective end cap (38) and the device piece (15), and the wiper blade part (15) of the connecting device is provided with a flute (70), which extends in a projection of the flute of the attack surface (54) of the wind deflection strip (42).

47. (previously presented) A wiper blade for cleaning windows, comprising:  
a band-like, elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), whose lower band surface (13) oriented toward the window (22) has an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), which can be placed against the window, disposed on it so that the longitudinal axes of these two parts are parallel and whose upper band surface (11) has a wind deflection strip (42) disposed on it, which extends in the longitudinal direction of the support element (12), is provided with an attack surface (54) oriented toward the main flow of the relative wind, and is made of an elastic material, wherein the wind deflection strip (42, 142, 242) has two diverging legs (44, 46), viewed in transverse cross section, which are connected to each other at a common base (48) and whose free ends oriented toward the window (22) are supported on the wiper blade (10), and the attack surface (54) is embodied on the outside of the one leg (44), and wherein the wiper strip (14) has a Shore hardness A of between 64 and

71, in particular 68, and the wind deflection strip (42) has a Shore hardness A of between 70 and 78, in particular 72.

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